

Committee Meetings

EXAMINATION OF USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of USDA Rural Development Programs. Testimony was heard from Jonathan S. Adelstein, Administrator, Rural Utilities Services, Department of Agriculture; Judith A. Canales, Administrator, Rural Business and Cooperative Services, Department of Agriculture; and Tammye H. Treviño, Administrator, Rural Housing Services, Department of Agriculture.

FUTURE OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND THE U.S. MILITARY TEN YEARS AFTER 9/11

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on The Future of National Defense and the U.S. Military Ten Years After 9/11: Perspectives from Outside Experts. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WORKFORCE CHALLENGES FACING THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled "Workforce Challenges Facing the Agriculture Industry." Testimony was heard from Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a markup of the following: H.R. 2250, the "EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011;" and H.R. 2681, the "Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011." Both bills were forwarded, without amendment.

ENSURING APPROPRIATE REGULATORY OVERSIGHT OF BROKER-DEALERS AND LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE INVESTMENT ADVISER OVERSIGHT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Ensuring Appropriate Regulatory Oversight of Broker-Dealers and Legislative Proposals to Improve Investment Adviser Oversight." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy and Technology held a hearing entitled "Road Map to Sound Money: A Legislative

Hearing on H.R. 1098 and Restoring the Dollar." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EVOLUTION OF DRUG CARTELS AND THE THREAT TO MEXICO'S GOVERNANCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a joint hearing entitled "Has Mérida Evolved? Part One: The Evolution of Drug Cartels and the Threat to Mexico's Governance." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TEN YEARS AFTER 9/11: CAN TERRORISTS STILL EXPLOIT OUR VISA SYSTEM?

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled "Ten Years after 9/11: Can Terrorists Still Exploit our Visa System?" Testimony was heard from Thomas Winkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Edward Ramotowski, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; John Cohen, Deputy Counter-Terrorism, Coordinator, Department of Homeland Security; Peter T. Edge, Deputy Associate Director, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and Richard Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 822, the "National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011." Testimony was heard from Charles H. Ramsey, Commissioner, Philadelphia Police Department; and public witnesses. Committee on Natural Resources.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 302, the "Preserve Land Freedom For Americans Act of 2011"; H.R. 758, the "National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act"; H.R. 817, to amend the Antiquities Act of 1906 to place additional requirements on the establishment of national monuments under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 845, the "Montana Land Sovereignty Act"; H.R. 846, the "Idaho Land Sovereignty Act"; and H.R. 2147, the "Utah Land Sovereignty Act." Testimony was heard from Sen. Hatch; Rep. Rehberg; Rep. Herger; Rep. Foxx; Rep. Labrador; Jerry Taylor, Mayor, Escalante City, UT; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 2360 the “Providing for Our Workforce and Energy Resources Act” (POWER Act); H.R. 2752, the “BLM Live Internet Auctions Act”; and H.R. 2803, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, to conduct a technological capability assessment, survey, and economic feasibility study regarding recovery of minerals, other than oil and natural gas, from the shallow and deep seabed of the United States. Testimony was heard from Walter Cruickshank, Deputy Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement; and public witnesses.

PRESIDENT’S PROPOSAL TO STIMULATE THE ECONOMY AND CREATE JOBS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending held a hearing entitled “Take Two: The President’s Proposal to Stimulate the Economy and Create Jobs.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STEM IN ACTION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “STEM in Action: Inspiring the Science and Engineering Workforce of Tomorrow.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

OUR NATION’S DEBT

Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the history and drivers of our nation’s debt and its threat, after receiving testimony from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government, business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for Financial Services and General Government, 11:15 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup proposed

budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine general and flag officer requirements, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine emerging issues in insurance regulation, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine new ideas for refinancing and restructuring mortgage loans, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine moving intercity passenger rail into the future, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine tax reform options, focusing on marginal rates on high-income taxpayers, capital gains and dividends, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine securing the pharmaceutical supply chain, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act of 2011”, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the “Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act”, focusing on renewing the commitment to victims of human trafficking, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing on the examination of the issue of feed availability and its effect on the livestock and poultry industries, 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Need for Pro-Growth Tax Reform.” 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Federal Role in Public School Accountability.” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the American Energy Initiative with a focus on the impacts of the Environmental Protection Agency’s new and proposed power sector regulations on electric reliability, 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Solyndra and The DOE Loan Guarantee Program.” 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Cybersecurity: Threats to the Financial Sector.” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “HUD and NeighborWorks Housing Counseling Oversight.” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.